



STRINGS MUSIC Audition Requirements Current High School Students 2023-2024

Audition Format: in person audition at
Eastwood Collegiate 760 Weber St. East Kitchener, Ontario*
**If you require a virtual audition for any reason, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

Prepare Ahead of Time

- Solo on your string instrument of choice*
- Play a Scale on your instrument*

***Instruments you can choose from:**

Violin Viola Cello String Bass

**If you need to borrow an instrument from our music department, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

How to Practise

- Pick music that highlights your strengths and personality as a musician
- Pay attention to tempo, dynamics, style, and other musical elements in your solo
- Practise performing your solo and your scale for friends and family
- Bring an extra copy of your sheet music to share with your adjudicator

The Audition

1. Strings Solo

You will be asked to perform a solo on the string instrument of your choice. Play a solo or study that shows your current level of musical ability. Choose a piece that you enjoy and are confident in performing. This could be:

- a solo you've prepared for a concert, show, festival, or ceremony
- a traditional piece from your culture or religious practice
- a piece that you enjoy playing for fun.

All forms of music are acceptable! [If you are stuck for ideas, choose one of the solos provided on the IAP website.](#)

2. Scale

You will be asked to play a scale ascending and descending (up and down) on your instrument. Choose a scale that demonstrates your current technical ability.

3. Musicianship

You will be asked to do some of the following exercise during your audition (no need to prepare):

- Rhythm clapback
- Melody playback
- Sight reading
- Sing back
- Students entering grade 10 are expected to be able to read music, identify key signatures, and play several major scales.
- Students entering Grade 11 or 12 are expected to read music, understand key signatures, and intervals and be able to play several major and minor scales before beginning class.

4. Interview

You will be asked some of the following questions during your audition:

- What first got you interested in music?
- How would you describe the music that you typically perform, listen to, or create?
- Describe a musical memory.
- Who inspires you to play music?

All Presentations must be appropriate for a school environment